## **PROCLAMATION**

BY THE

## Cobernor of the State of Texas

41-2567

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, do hereby veto S.B. 599 because of the following objections:

This bill would exonerate a bail bondsman from having the bond forfeited under the following circumstances: (1) the defendant failed to appear and a declaration of forfeiture had been issued; (2) the bondsman presents a written motion for a warrant or capias to be issued for the defendant; and (3) the court fails to issue the warrant or capias within a reasonable time. The issuance by the court of the warrant or capias has nothing to do with the responsibility of the defendant to appear and the bail bondsman to insure that appearance. The bondsman agrees to insure the appearance of the defendant; if the defendant does not appear, the bondsman should not be able to recover the amount posted as bond.

The Secretary of State will take notice of this action and will notify the members of the Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this day of June, 1993.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Ann W. Richards Governor of Texas

10:10 p.m. 0'CLOCK

Secretary of State